

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Jon Sonju, on March 26, 2007 at 3:45 P.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jon Sonju, Chairman (R)
Rep. Kevin T. Furey, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Bill Nooney, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. Edward Hilbert (R)
Rep. Deborah Kottel (D)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)
Rep. Bill Wilson (D)
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary
Andrew Geiger, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: SB 122, SB 473, SB 432
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON SB 122

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:06 Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (D), SD 18, opened the hearing on SB 122, Establish ethanol education board.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:27 Shirley Ball, Ethanol Producers and Consumers (EPAC)

[EXHIBIT\(trh64a01\)](#)

00:08:42 Michael Allen, American Coalition for Ethanol

[EXHIBIT\(trh64a02\)](#)

00:11:37 Pat Torgerson, Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:12:41 Mike Fellows, Chairman, Montana Libertarian Party

00:13:35 Karry Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association

00:16:29 Rich Tatarka, President, Montana Logging Association

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:17:54 Rep. Arntzen

00:18:26 Ms. Ball, EPAC

00:20:46 Rep. Nooney

00:21:16 Sen. Kitzenberg

00:22:10 Rep. Sonju

00:22:23 Ms. Ball, EPAC

00:24:32 Rep. Sonju

00:24:52 Sen. Kitzenberg

Closing by Sponsor:

00:27:58 Sen. Kitzenberg

HEARING ON SB 432

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:32:21 Sen. John Brueggeman (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 432, Generally revise bio diesel laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:40:43 Neil Turnbull, Monbola

00:44:22 Helen Waller, Northern Plains Resource Council

[EXHIBIT\(trh64a03\)](#)

00:47:51 Robin Shropshire

00:49:53 Derek Sande

00:52:54 Katie Kassmier, Montana Farmers Union

[EXHIBIT\(trh64a04\)](#)

00:55:07 Pat Torgerson, Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE)

00:55:45 Jon Semple, Montana Grain Growers

[EXHIBIT\(trh64a05\)](#)

00:56:15 Sarah Cobler, Montana Conservation Voters (MCV)

00:58:14 Matt Leon, Montana PIRG

[EXHIBIT\(trh64a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(trh64a07\)](#)

01:00:53 Kimball Leighton, Yellowstone Biodiesel

01:04:44 Van Jamison

01:07:49 Brett Thompson

01:08:07 Mary Ellen Wolfe

01:08:20 Clare Witcomb

01:08:31 Mary Fitzpatrick

01:08:55 Richard Parks

01:09:12 Cele McKaig

01:09:29 Shirley Ball, EPAC

Opponents' Testimony:

01:10:10 Dan Rice

01:15:22 Bruce Brodie, Plant Manager, Exxon Mobile

01:19:49 Richard Tatarka, Montana Logging Association

01:22:25 Barry (Spook) Stang, Montana Motor Carriers Association
(MMCA)

[EXHIBIT\(trh64a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(trh64a09\)](#)

01:25:07 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association

01:29:23 Ronna Alexander, Montana Petroleum Marketers and
Convenient Store Association

01:31:27 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association

[EXHIBIT\(trh64a10\)](#)

01:32:56 Mike Fellows, Montana LP

Informational Testimony:

01:33:51 Jack Kane, Department of Labor and Industry

01:34:19 Brian Spangler, Department of Environmental Quality

01:34:38 David Max, Mountain West Cooperative of Missoula

[EXHIBIT\(trh64a11\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:37:19 Rep. Furey

01:38:09 Sen. Brueggeman
01:43:18 Rep. Furey
01:43:47 Mr. Max, Mountain West Cooperative of Missoula
01:45:08 Rep. Wiseman
01:45:37 Sen. Brueggeman
01:47:13 Rep. Wiseman
01:47:22 Mr. Leighton, Yellowstone Biodiesel
01:50:44 Rep. Nooney
01:51:26 Sen. Brueggeman
02:05:24 Rep. Arntzen
02:06:52 Mr. Kane, DLI
02:11:12 Rep. Arntzen
02:11:35 Sen. Brueggeman
02:13:29 Rep. Wiseman
02:13:33 Mr. Kane, DLI
02:15:46 Rep. Nooney
02:16:30 Mr. Brodie, Plant Manager, Exxon Mobile
02:21:59 Rep. Hilbert
02:22:20 Sen. Brueggeman

Closing by Sponsor:

02:23:03 Sen. Brueggeman

02:30:05 Break
02:37:28 Reconvene

HEARING ON SB 473

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:38:15 Sen. Jerry Black (R), SD 14, opened the hearing on SB 473, Revise ethanol laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:44:49 Shirley Ball, EPAC
02:46:58 Jon Semple, Montana Grain Growers
02:47:15 Bob Gilbert, Montana Aviation Trades Association
02:49:23 Governor Tim Babcock
02:51:05 Pat Torgerson, Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE)
02:51:31 Jim Lynch, Montana Department of Transportation
02:53:43 Ronna Alexander, Montana Petroleum Marketers and Convenient Store Association

Opponents' Testimony:

02:55:06 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association
02:58:25 Bruce Brodie, Exxon Mobile Refinery in Billings

Informational Testimony:

03:01:35 Jack Kane, Department of Labor and Industry
03:01:59 Brian Spangler, Department of Environmental Quality
(DEQ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:02:26 Rep. Nooney
03:02:51 Sen. Black
03:03:12 Mr. Spangler, DEQ
03:03:39 Rep. Nooney
03:03:49 Mr. Spangler, DEQ
03:03:59 Rep. Furey

Closing by Sponsor:

03:04:43 Sen. Black

ADJOURNMENT

03:09:35 Adjournment

REP. JON SONJU, Chairman

KATIE BUTCHER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([trh64aad.pdf](#))